

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 4, 2016

AGENDA NO. 20

REPORT: Legislative and Public Affairs Report

SYNOPSIS: This report highlights January 2016 outreach activities of Legislative and Public Affairs, which include: an Environmental Justice Update, Community Events/Public Meetings, Business Assistance, and Outreach to Business and Federal, State, and Local Government.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

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BACKGROUND

This report summarizes the activities of Legislative and Public Affairs for January 2016. The report includes four major areas: Environmental Justice Update; Community Events/Public Meetings (including the Speakers Bureau/Visitor Services, Communications Center, and Public Information Center); Business Assistance; and Outreach to Business and Federal, State and Local Governments.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE UPDATE

The following are key environmental justice-related activities in which SCAQMD staff participated during the month of January 2016. These events involve communities that may suffer disproportionately from adverse air quality impacts.

January 14, 2016

- Staff attended the American Lung Association's State of the Air event in the Inland Empire. The discussion focused on current air quality trends and the latest research on health impacts of air pollution.
- Staff participated in the Inland Empire Asthma Coalition meeting in Colton. The group reviewed asthma studies for the Inland Empire and discussed service programs for youth who are sensitive receptors to air pollution.

January 16

- In coordination with SCAQMD's consultant, staff planned, organized and implemented outreach, event production, and logistics for the 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Forum held at the California Science Center. The event promoted awareness and action on air quality and environmental justice issues, and was attended by over 400 elected officials, community leaders, and residents.

January 20

- Staff met with Michele Hasson, Regional Director of the Leadership Counsel in Coachella. Ms. Hasson shared information on the top environmental justice issues in Coachella Valley and discussed potential ways to collaborate on air quality events.
- Staff participated in the Coachella Valley Environmental Justice Enforcement Taskforce Meeting and while there learned about environmental justice issues affecting the region, including community concerns regarding construction of the Paradise Valley Development Project.

January 21

- Staff attended a Delhi Neighborhood Association Community Meeting in Santa Ana, and networked with community leaders who work with Santa Ana residents and indicated an interest in being part of the Environmental Justice Community Partnership Advisory Council and other environmental justice related events.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

Each year SCAQMD staff engage with thousands of residents, providing valuable information about the agency, incentive programs, and ways individuals can help reduce air pollution through events and meetings sponsored solely by SCAQMD or in partnership with others. Attendees typically receive the following information:

- Tips on reducing their exposure to smog and its health effects;
- Clean air technologies and their deployment;
- Invitations or notices of conferences, seminars, workshops and other public events;
- SCAQMD incentive programs;
- Ways to participate in SCAQMD's rule and policy development; and
- Assistance in resolving air pollution-related problems.

SCAQMD staff attended and/or provided information and updates at the following events:

January 9

- SCAQMD Hearing Board Public Hearing for Aliso Canyon/Porter Ranch, Granada Hills.

January 10-14

- Transportation Research Board 95th Annual Meeting, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C.

January 16

- SCAQMD Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Forum, California Science Center, Loker Conference Center, Los Angeles.
- SCAQMD Hearing Board Public Hearing for Aliso Canyon/Porter Ranch, Granada Hills.

January 18

- IECAAC 36th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

January 23

- SCAQMD Hearing Board Public Hearing for Aliso Canyon/Porter Ranch, Woodland Hills.

January 30

- Wilmington Green Fair & Electric Vehicle Ride & Drive Event, Wilmington Municipal Building.

SPEAKERS BUREAU/VISITOR SERVICES

SCAQMD regularly receives requests for staff to speak on air quality-related issues from a wide variety of organizations, such as trade associations, chambers of commerce, community-based groups, schools, hospitals, and health-based organizations. SCAQMD also hosts visitors from around the world who meet with staff on a wide range of air quality issues.

January 19

- Fourteen students and staff from Soka University of America in Orange County visited SCAQMD headquarters where they received an overview from staff on air quality, the California Environmental Quality Act, and socioeconomics.

January 27

- Twelve members of a Chinese engineering delegation hosted by the EMZ Group in Azusa visited SCAQMD headquarters and received an overview from staff on air quality and environmental engineering.

COMMUNICATION CENTER STATISTICS

The Communication Center handles calls on the SCAQMD main line, 1-800-CUT-SMOG[®] line, the Spanish line, and after hours calls to each of those lines. Calls received in the month of January 2016 were:

Calls to SCAQMD's Main Line and 1-800-CUT-SMOG [®] Line	3,955
Calls to SCAQMD's Spanish-language Line	<u>14</u>
Total Calls	3,969

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER STATISTICS

The Public Information Center (PIC) handles phone calls and walk-in requests for general information. Information for the month of January is summarized below:

Calls Received by PIC Staff	128
<u>Calls to Automated System</u>	<u>1,144</u>
Total Calls	1,272
Visitor Transactions	284
E-Mail Advisories Sent	8,864

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

SCAQMD notifies local businesses of proposed regulations so they can participate in the agency's rule development process. SCAQMD also works with other agencies and governments to identify efficient, cost-effective ways to reduce air pollution and shares that information broadly. Staff provides personalized assistance to small businesses both over the telephone and via on-site consultation. The information is summarized below:

- Provided permit application assistance to 92 companies
- Conducted 1 free on-site consultation
- Issued 15 clearance letters

Types of businesses assisted

Auto Body Shops	Dry Cleaners	Furniture Refinishing Facilities
Engineering Firm	Gas Stations	Metal Fabrication Facility
Construction Firm	Restaurants	Printing Facilities
Architecture Firm	Auto Repair Centers	Manufacturing Facilities

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY GROUPS AND FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Field visits and/or communications were conducted with elected officials or staff from the following cities:

Anaheim	El Monte	Perris
Alhambra	Fountain Valley	Pomona
Aliso Viejo	Glendora	Rancho Cucamonga
Arcadia	Hemet	Rosemead
Azusa	Industry	Riverside
Baldwin Park	Jurupa Valley	San Bernardino
Beaumont	La Cañada Flintridge	San Dimas
Big Bear	La Puente	San Gabriel
Bradbury	La Verne	San Jacinto
Buena Park	Laguna Hills	Sierra Marion
Colton	Laguna Woods	Sierra Madre
Corona	Los Angeles	South El Monte
Covina	Loma Linda	South Pasadena
Coachella	Monrovia	Temple City
Claremont	Montclair	Tustin
Commerce	Monterey Park	Walnut
Diamond Bar	Moreno Valley	West Covina
Duarte	Norco	Yucaipa
Eastvale	Pasadena	

Visits and/or communications were conducted with elected officials or staff from the following State and Federal Offices:

- U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
- U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
- U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass
- U.S. Congressman Ken Calvert
- U.S. Congressman Paul Cook
- U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu
- U.S. Congresswoman Janice Hahn
- U.S. Congressman Steve Knight

- U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu
- U.S. Congressman Alan Lowenthal
- U.S. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano
- U.S. Congressman Ed Royce
- U.S. Congressman Raul Ruiz
- U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff
- U.S. Congressman Brad Sherman
- U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
- U.S. Congresswoman Linda Sanchez
- U.S. Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez
- U.S. Congressman Mark Takano
- U.S. Congresswoman Norma Torres
- U.S. Congresswoman Mimi Walters
- U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters
- State Senator Joel Anderson
- State Senator Ed Hernandez
- State Senator Roger Hernandez
- State Senator Bob Huff
- State Senator Carol Liu
- State Senator Holly Mitchell
- State Senator Mike Morrell
- State Senator Fran Pavley
- State Senator Richard Roth
- Assembly Member Cheryl Brown
- Assembly Member Ed Chau
- Assembly Member Tom Daly
- Assembly Member Chris Holden
- Assembly Member Young Kim
- Assembly Member Eric Linder
- Assembly Member Chad Mayes
- Assembly Member Jose Medina
- Assembly Member Melissa Melendez
- Assembly Member Reginald Jones-Sawyer
- Assembly Member Mark Ridley-Thomas
- Assembly Member Scott Wilk
- Assembly Member Don Wagner
- Assembly Member Marie Waldron

Staff represented SCAQMD and/or provided updates or a presentation to the following governmental agencies and business organizations:

Arcadia Chamber of Commerce
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce
Anaheim Chamber of Commerce
Beaumont Chamber of Commerce
California Air Resources Board
California Legislative Black Caucus
Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Coachella Valley Unified School District
Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
Coachella Valley Water District
Coachella Branch Library
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce
Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce
League of California Cities, Orange County Division
Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce
Orange County Council of Governments
Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Redlands Chamber of Commerce
Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
Riverside County Transportation Commission
Riverside County Active Transportation Network Organization
San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce
San Bernardino Associated Governments
San Fernando Council of Governments
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Southern California Gas Company
Southern California Association of Governments
Southwest California Legislative Council

- Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Murrieta Chamber of Commerce
- Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Wildomar Chamber of Commerce
- Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce

Transportation Research Board, Washington D.C.
Upland Chamber of Commerce
Western Riverside Council of Governments

Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition

Western Riverside County Transportation NOW (RTA)

- Greater Riverside Chapter
- Hemet/San Jacinto Chapter
- Northwest Chapter
- Moreno Valley/Perris Chapter
- San Gorgonio Pass Chapter
- Southwest Chapter

Yucaipa Chamber of Commerce

Staff represented SCAQMD and/or provided updates or a presentation to the following community groups and organizations:

American Cancer Society, Inland Empire

American Lung Association in California, Inland Empire

Beaumont Unified School District

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Indio

Coachella Valley Environmental Justice Enforcement Taskforce

Council of Mexican Federations, Coachella

Inland Empire Asthma Coalition

Leadership Council, Coachella

Moreno Valley Unified School District

Moreno Valley College

Riverside County Department of Public Health

Riverside County Health Coalition

Riverside Community Health Foundation

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council, Los Angeles

Save Porter Ranch Group, Los Angeles

Salesian High School, Los Angeles

Urban Conservation Corps of the Inland Empire

University of California, Riverside

Yvonne Burke Senior Center, Los Angeles